

National Defence Parliamentary Report for 14 February 2022 / Rapport parlementaire de la Défense nationale pour le 14 février 2022

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HIGHLIGHTS / FAITS SAILLANTS

- **Prime Minister's Press Conference (Emergencies Act):** Earlier today, Prime Minister Trudeau invoked the Emergencies Act to supplement the ability of provinces, territories, law enforcement agencies, and financial institutions to address the anti-COVID mandate blockades taking place across the country. The Prime Minister noted that these measures would be time-limited and proportionate, and that the Government would not call upon the Canadian Armed Forces to address this crisis.
- The motion for confirmation of a declaration of emergency, signed by a minister of the Crown, together with an explanation of the reasons for issuing the declaration and a report on any consultation with the Lieutenant Governors in Council of the provinces with respect to the declaration, will be presented to the House and the Senate within seven sitting days after the declaration is issued.
- Debate on the motion will begin the sitting day after the Government introduces the motion. It is not yet clear when the motion will be introduced. If both the House and the Senate approve the motion, the declaration will expire after 30 days, unless it is renewed by Parliament. A Parliamentary Review Committee will also be created to ensure Parliamentary oversight.
- As of this writing, the NDP has indicated that it will support the Government's declaration of the Emergencies Act, while the Bloc Québécois has indicated that it will oppose it. The Conservatives indicated that they will study this matter further.
- **Conférence de presse du Premier ministre (Ukraine) :** Le Premier ministre Trudeau a également indiqué lors de sa conférence de presse que le Canada enverra pour 7,8 millions de dollars d'équipement légal et de munitions à l'Ukraine en raison de l'agression continue de la Russie dans la région. Il a également indiqué que le Canada enverra un prêt de 500 millions de dollars à l'Ukraine, qui s'ajoute aux 120 millions de dollars que le gouvernement a annoncé pour l'Ukraine le mois dernier.
- **Question Period:** Three questions of interest to National Defence were posed in the House of Commons today.
 - Luc Berthold (CPC) rose to ask if the Government will support the Conservative motion to lift federal mandates and restrictions, stating that Canadians want a peaceful resolution to protests and not the military in the streets. In response, Mark Holland, Government House Leader, asked the Conservatives to call on the protesters to end the blockades instead of supporting them.
 - Alain Therrien (BQ) rose to ask what the Prime Minister's plan is following his request for emergency measures, noting that this confers extraordinary powers, including the use of the military. In response, Marco Mendicino, Minister of Public Safety, stated that the

Government has supported the City of Ottawa, including by providing three RCMP deployments, and that the top priority is to enforce the law and end the illegal blockade.

- o *Yvan Baker (LPC) rose to ask how the Government is protecting the sovereignty and integrity of Ukraine, noting that Canada has always supported Ukraine, including through military cooperation. In response, Mélanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs, stated that the priority is to ensure the safety of Canadians on the ground and urged Canadians to leave Ukraine now.*

- *Vote de la Chambre des communes sur la motion du Parti conservateur du Canada : Plus tôt aujourd'hui, les membres du Parlement ont voté sur la motion du Parti conservateur du Canada demandant au gouvernement de présenter un plan pour lever tous les mandats et restrictions du COVID-19 fédéral avant le 28 février. La motion a été rejetée par 185 non (Parti libéral du Canada, Nouveau Parti démocratique du Canada, Parti vert du Canada) contre 151 oui (Parti conservateur du Canada, Bloc québécois).*
- *House Committee on Government Operations and Estimates (OGGO): OGGO recently passed motions to study air defence procurement projects and the National Shipbuilding Strategy. The Committee has called officials from National Defence and Public Services and Procurement Canada to appear on March 22 to discuss air procurement, and has called officials and Ministers from National Defence, Public Services and Procurement Canada, and the Coast Guard to appear on March 25 to discuss the National Shipbuilding Strategy.*
- *House Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development (FAAE): Today, FAAE met with officials from Global Affairs Canada to discuss the situation in the Taiwan Strait. Of interest to National Defence, members posed questions about Taiwan Strait transits and highlighted Royal Canadian Navy activities in the Indo-Pacific region as an example of Canada's efforts to support regional stability.*
- *Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs (ACVA): ACVA will meet tomorrow (Tuesday, February 15), from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, to discuss the desecration of monuments honouring veterans. Dr. Stephen Harris, Chief Historian at National Defence's Directorate of History and Heritage, will appear alongside officials from PSPC and VAC. Parliamentary Affairs will monitor this meeting and report on any implications for National Defence.*

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PARLIAMENTARY CALENDAR / CALENDRIER PARLEMENTAIRE

The House of Commons resumed sitting on January 31.

The Senate has adjourned until Tuesday 22 February.

HOUSE OF COMMONS / CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES

DEBATES / DÉBATS

- Nil.

INTRODUCTION OF GOVERNMENT BILLS / DÉPÔT DE PROJETS DE LOI ÉMANANT DU GOUVERNEMENT

- Nil.

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GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION / LÉGISLATION DU GOUVERNEMENT

Nil.

TABLING OF DOCUMENTS / DÉPÔT DE DOCUMENTS

Nil.

COMMITTEES

Special Committee on Afghanistan (AFGH) / Comité spécial sur l'Afghanistan

14 February – AFGH will meet from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to continue its study on the matter of “Humanitarian Assistance for the Afghan People.” The Committee will hear testimony from the Afghan Women’s Organization Refugee and Immigrant Services; the Canadian Red Cross; and the Veterans Transition Network. Appearing as individuals, the Committee will also hear from MGen (Ret’d) David Fraser, Afghan Strategic Evacuation Team, and MGen (Ret’d) Dean Milner, Afghan Strategic Evacuation Team. Parliamentary Affairs will report on any implications for National Defence.

Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs (PROC) / Comité Permanent de la procédure et des affaires de la Chambre

There are **no** defence-related meetings scheduled at this time. / **Aucune** réunion concernant la défense n’est prévue en ce moment.

Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates (OGGO) / Comité permanent des opérations gouvernementales et des prévisions budgétaires

Le 15 février – Les membres du Comité permanent des opérations gouvernementales et des prévisions budgétaires vont rencontrer demain pour avancer leurs deux études sur les Projets d’acquisition en matière de défense aérienne et la Stratégie nationale de construction navale. Ils vont entendre deux témoins du Bureau du vérificateur générale : Andrew Hayes, sous-vérificateur général, et Nicholas Swales, directeur principal. D PARL A va suivre et reporter sur les poursuites.

Standing Committee on National Defence (NDDN) / Comité permanent de la défense nationale

February 14 – The Committee will meet again on Monday, February 14 to continue its study on *Threat Analysis Affecting Canada and the Canadian Armed Forces’ Operational Readiness to Meet Those Threats*. National Defence officials have not been called to appear at this meeting, or the subsequent meeting on Wednesday, February 16. Given the Parliamentary break week from February 21 – 25, the earliest National Defence officials could be asked to appear on this study is Monday, February 28. **D Parl A is monitoring and will report on the proceedings.**

Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs (ACVA) / Comité permanent des anciens combattants

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Standing Committee on Public Accounts (PACP) / Comité permanent des comptes publics

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Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development (FAAE) / Comité permanent des affaires étrangères et du développement international

Le 14 février – Aujourd’hui, les membres du Comité permanent des affaires étrangères et du développement international ont rencontré pour avancer leur étude sur la Situation dans le détroit de Taïwan. Ils ont écouté cinq témoins des Affaires mondiales Canada, s’incluant Weldon Epp, directeur général, Asie du Nord; Kevin Hamilton, directeur général, Politique de sécurité internationale; Stephen Randall, directeur exécutif, Droit des océans, de l’environnement, de l’aire et de l’espace; Jordan Reeves, directeur exécutif, Bureau commercial du Canada à Taipei; et Mary-Catherine Speirs, directrice exécutive, Politiques et négociations commerciales, Asie. Ils ont discuté le rapprochement entre la Russie et la Chine, l’assistance Canada s’offre à la Taïwan, la participation du Canada au AUKUS, et le développement d’une stratégie pour la région Indo-Pacifique. Epp a dit qu’il prévoit plus d’activité par la Marine royale canadienne dans cette région au futur.

Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security (SECU) / Comité permanent de la sécurité publique et nationale

Le 15 février – Les membres du Comité permanent de la sécurité publique et nationale vont rencontrer demain pour avancer leur étude sur la Contrôle des armes à feu, trafic illégal des armes et augmentation des crimes commis par armes à feu par des personnes issues des gangs de rue. Ils vont entendre sept témoins, un qui comparait à titre personnel.

Standing Committee on Health (HESA) / Comité permanent de la santé

Le 14 février – Les membres du Comité permanent de la santé vont rencontrer aujourd’hui entre 15 h 30 à 17 h 30 pour recevoir, à huis clos, une séance d’information sur la Situation d’urgence à laquelle les Canadiens font face avec la pandémie de la COVID-19. Ils vont entendre Sonya Norris, analyste de la Bibliothèque du Parlement. Après ça, ils vont discuter la planification des travaux futurs. D PARL A va suivre et reporter l’information pertinente à la Défense nationale.

MEMBER STATEMENTS / DÉCLARATIONS DES DÉPUTÉS

There was one statement of interest to defence today. / Une déclaration d’intérêt à la défense a été livrée aujourd’hui.

Cathay Wagantall (CPC) recognized the patriotism of veterans who have worn their medals and stood in support of the trucker convoy in Ottawa.

QUESTION PERIOD / PÉRIODE DES QUESTIONS

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Other topics included: federal vaccine mandates, Indigenous women, inflation, Afghan Refugees, and fisheries.

POINT OF ORDER / RAPPEL AU RÈGLEMENT

There were **no** points of order of interest to defence **today**. / **Aucune** motion de procédure d'intérêt à la défense n'a été livrée **aujourd'hui**.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE / QUESTION DE PRIVILÈGE

There were **no** questions of privilege of interest to defence **today**. / **Aucune** question de privilège d'intérêt à la défense n'a été livrée **aujourd'hui**.

ALLOTTED DAYS (OPPOSITION DAYS) / LES JOURS DÉSIGNÉ (JOURS DE L'OPPOSITION)

Nil.

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE ("LATE SHOW") / DEBAT D'AJOURNEMENT ("LATE SHOW")

Nil.

ORDER PAPER QUESTIONS / QUESTIONS INSCRITES AU FEUILLETON

No Order Paper Questions of interest to National Defence were tabled today / **Aucune** question inscrite au Feuilleton des avis d'intérêt à la Défense nationale n'a été déposée aujourd'hui.

MOTIONS / MOTIONS

Nil.

PETITIONS / PÉTITIONS

No new Petitions of interest to National Defence were introduced **today** / **Aucune** nouveau pétitions émanant des députés n'a été introduit **aujourd'hui**.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF PAPERS / AVIS DE MOTIONS PORTANT PRODUCTION DE DOCUMENTS

Nil.

INTRODUCTION OF PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS / DÉPÔT DE PROJETS DE LOI ÉMANANT DES DÉPUTÉS

No new Private Members' Bills of interest to National Defence were introduced **today** / **Aucun** nouveau projet de loi émanant des députés n'a été introduit **aujourd'hui**.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS / AFFAIRES ÉMANANT DES DÉPUTÉS

Nil.

SENATE / SÉNAT

COMMITTEES

Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence / Comité sénatorial permanent de la sécurité nationale et de la défense (SECD)

There are **no** defence-related meetings scheduled at this time. / **Aucune** réunion concernant la défense n'est prévue en ce moment.

Senate Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs / Sous-comité sénatorial des anciens combattants (VEAC)

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Standing Senate Committee on National Finance / Comité sénatorial permanent des finances nationales (NFFN)

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Senate Committees – Other

There are **no** defence-related meetings scheduled at this time. / **Aucune** réunion concernant la défense n'est prévue en ce moment.

BILLS / PROJETS DE LOI

There are **no** Senate Public Bills of interest to National Defence. / **Aucun** projet de loi public au Sénat est d'intérêt à la Défense nationale.

STATEMENTS / DÉCLARATIONS

There were **no** statements of interest to defence **yesterday**. / **Aucune** déclaration d'intérêt à la défense n'a été livrée **hier**.

ORAL QUESTIONS / QUESTIONS ORALES

There were **no** questions of interest to National Defence in Senate Question Period. / **Aucune** question d'intérêt à la Défense nationale n'a été posée lors de la période de question du Sénat.

SENATE WRITTEN QUESTIONS / QUESTIONS INSCRITES AU FEUILLETON

There were **no** new Senate Written Questions of interest to National Defence added to the Notice Paper **today**. / **Aucune** nouvelle question reliée à la Défense n'a été inscrite au Feuilleton des avis **aujourd'hui**.

MOTIONS / MOTIONS

No new motion of interest to National Defence was raised. / **Aucune** nouvelle motions d'intérêt pour la défense n'a été livrée.

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May your fate this evening be better than that of the individual after whom today was named!

Have a lovely evening,

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